

FAIRVIEW.

Farmers are very busy just now with their spring crops.

Wheat is looking better since the rain. Corn and oats are also doing nicely.

D. M. Hunnell has bought himself a new strawberry hack.

Miss Gatha Wofford visited her aunt Mrs. Cora Means Thursday.

Mr. Grant Means is on the sick list this week.

Mrs. Wofford and Miss Mable Seaton visited Mrs. Robert Means Wednesday.

Mr. Claude McQuality is visiting friends in the neighborhood this week.

Harry McQuality is making crates for Mr. Spilman. Harry says Mo looks better to him since his stay on the plains. He reports the rest of the family well and doing well in New Mexico.

D. M. Hunnell and family, Ora Teel and family and Miss Nancy Browning of Kansas City were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Means Sunday.

Mr. George Boucher and family Mr. Henry Burnett and family and Mrs. Robert Means visited John L. Means and family Sunday.

PANSY.

Verona News.

From The Advocate

Mrs. H. P. Wilks was shopping in Monett Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. A. M. Sherwood spent Monday and Tuesday in Monett.

Richard White was in Monett Tuesday afternoon attending to some insurance business.

Charles and Vernon Ham are working in Monett this week.

Stone Elevator Burns Down at Verona.

Sunday evening at about 9:30 o'clock the citizens of Verona were aroused by the cry of fire and rushed into the street to find the R. C. Stone elevator wrapped in flames. Before the fire department reached the building the fire had gained such headway that nothing could be done to save it and they turned their attention to the near by buildings and by their efficiency held the flames to the one building.

There was no grain in the elevator and the building was insured for \$1,000. It is not definitely known how the fire started but is supposed to have caught from a passing train.—Verona Advocate.

On the night of the second of March last the pouch for this office from Frisco train No. 1 was stolen at Seligman. It was recently found in a field near the latter place, the pouch was cut open and nearly all the letters rifled, and yesterday Post Office Inspector Hodges brought the pouch here and together with the postmaster succeeded in replacing all the letters into the proper envelopes and they were delivered today. There were about three hundred pieces of mail and on each piece was written the statement "Rifled and delayed at Seligman, Mo., March 2nd" before it was placed in the office for delivery.—Eureka Springs Flashlight.

Heiress to Throne of Holland

The Hague, April 30.—The condition of Wilhelmina, Queen of the Netherlands, who gave birth to a daughter this morning, is satisfactory. The infant Princess is doing well and Holland is celebrating the happy event from one end of the country to the other with expressions of joy such as seldom have been witnessed among this placid people.

The political significance of the occurrence lies in the fact that there is now an heir to the throne of the Netherlands, a circumstance that greatly enhances the probability of continued independence.

Mrs. Alice Gerhardt and Mrs. Lou Koons returned Saturday from a visit to their father, Mr. Gonten at Seymour.

This Under Taft.

"Men out of work auctioned off the block. Jobless men offering themselves for sale board and clothes in the want columns of the newspapers. Work seekers male and female all the big cities committing suicide in preference to starvation. Announcement of drastic cuts in wages in the steel mills. Railroad shops shutting down and railroad clerks being dumped out of their places. Emblezzment of more than eleven million dollars in twelve months. A falling off even the quarterly receipts of the street car companies. Louder cries for donations from the agencies for charitable work "Dullness" the cry of the places of amusement and slight business reported from all the lobster palaces where the "live ones" were wont to "open wine". But when we might have known that all this would be thus when the National Prosperity Association went out of business. Didn't it get the sunshine movement started? It sure did. Didn't it get Taft elected? It sure did. But what stopped the sunshine movement? The election of Taft—perish the thought. And yet the times are so bad that one would think Mr. Bryan had been elected for the republicans told us that would be the only result of Mr. Bryan's election.—St. Louis Mirror.

Peirce City News.

From the Journal.

Mrs. J. W. Vance spent Wednesday in Monett.

Mrs. Lou Blood was down from Monett Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Patterson were down from Monett Monday night.

Mrs. Tom Lanigan and children were down from Monett Monday visiting Mr. Lanigan's parents.

Mrs. Chas. Ring and mother Mrs. Hawes, drove down from Monett, Monday afternoon.

Miss Pearl Chappell returned home Friday from Sarcoxie where she has been teaching, the schools there having closed last week.

Mrs. Chas. Collum and Mrs. W. A. Raupp drove to Monett Thursday afternoon to visit Mrs. M. Shipley who was entertaining the Whist Club that afternoon.

Quite a number of our citizens responded to the proclamation of Mayor Kelley that this week be set as "clean-up week" and have cleaned up their premises and especially the streets and alleys, adjacent to their home, thereby giving our city a much better appearance.

A Family Affair.

"Cordelia," ordered the teacher, "throw that gum in the waste basket!"

"The pupil's face grew scarlet, but she did not stir.

"If you do not put that gum in the waste basket immediately I will send you out of the room," said the teacher gravely.

The girl walked reluctantly to the desk. "I can't, teacher," she confessed. "It's ma's gum and she'll lick me if I come home without it."—Success Magazine.

Celebrates 100th Birthday.

Marshall, Ark., May 1.—Searcy County has perhaps the oldest woman in Arkansas. Mrs. Hannah Johnson, who lives at Barren Fork, six miles from Marshall, celebrated her one hundred and sixth birthday yesterday by giving a dinner to her lifelong friends.

Her daughter, who is 69 years old, waited on the guests.

J. D. McMullen, W. E. Perrin, Wm. Weiss and Groston Turpin were at Monett Monday night to attend an initiation and banquet of the order of Eagles, from the Seneca lodge. They report a very enjoyable time.—Seneca Dispatch.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Steve Timmons, Friday night, a 11-pound baby boy.

MUNICIPAL LIGHT-ING PLANT.

The Outlook for a Municipal Electric Lighting Plant Excceedingly Good.

A petition is being circulated asking the city council to call a special election to vote bonds to the amount of \$16,000, or two per cent, to erect and equip an electric light plant.

The plant in contemplation will not only be sufficient to light all the streets of the city but the business houses and residences as well.

The petition is being signed by nearly everyone to whom it is presented and there is every indication to believe that the election will be unanimous in favor of this much needed improvement to our city.

After the petition is presented to the council it will then be necessary for it to make the necessary profits, surveys and estimates.

A Success.

The exhibition given Saturday afternoon by Blakeslee, McNatt and Rutherford, of their newly invented hay baler was a decided success. This baler has proven itself to be the strongest, easiest working and cheapest press built today. A number of farmers witnessed its workings and are ready to purchase machines as soon as they are built. The company would like to equip a factory in this city for the manufacture of the baler.

A preacher in Chicago preached a sermon on the "Ideal Wife," and in order to get material for the discourse sent letters to over 100 bachelors and widowers asking them to answer a list of questions he propounded. Nearly all wanted a wife that was a neat housekeeper and a good cook. Looks didn't cut much of a figure, but the old fashioned kind was in great demand. Club women reformers or gadabouts were not in it, neither did college graduates have a strong pull.

"Johnnie" Davidson Free.

Neosho, Mo., May 1.—The jury in the Davidson case returned a verdict of not guilty at 10 o'clock this morning, having been in consultation since 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

When the nature of the verdict was learned the throng became demonstrative indicating that at least a portion of the public sentiment had favored the pretty defendant.

Before the hearing it was announced that Miss Davidson's defense would be the right of a woman to avenge an insult to her honor. It developed, however, that the defense was self-defense and accidental shooting.

Hangs in the Balance.

Great interests are being manifested on the possible outcome of the proposed constitutional amendment for state-wide prohibition that was reported from the Senate Saturday with a tax rider, which will be called up Tuesday.

If the bill should pass as returned it will have to go to the House for endorsement because of the rider.

The friends of the saloons are doing everything in their power to defeat the bill and may succeed.

Barry county is proud of the fact that both in the Senate and House her representatives are standing valiantly for purity, home and christianity.

Parcels post is to be tried out in one locality, to be selected by Congress, on a scale that will give the local merchants a better rate than is given the man at a distance. This will tend to partially allay the opposition on the part of local merchants. If it proves successful it will then be applied to the entire country.—Postal Service Magazine.

FIELD MEET AT MARIONVILLE

The Monett High School Attend Meet at Marionville Saturday

The field meet at Marionville Saturday was a very good contest. There was a large crowd present. The wind and dust made it very unpleasant and the boys did not make the record they otherwise would have made.

The Marionville high school won first honors. Aurora second and Monett, third. Peirce City, Mt. Vernon and Neosho were also represented.

The Monett boys came out first in the relay race which was the most exciting event of the day. The boys were Ovid Vermillion, Roy Parker, Jae Hoover and Jesse Moses.

Edgar Price was second in pole vault and hurdle race.

Ovid Vermillion won second place in the run, hop, skip and jump and third place in the high jump.

Roy Parker was first in the 440 yard run.

There were a large number of contestants and the Monett boys can well be proud of the record they made.

Visited the Septic Tank.

Mayor Short and Councilmen Mills, Patterson, Jeffries, Walsh and Farrow went down to the septic tank Monday afternoon and examined the condition of the same. They decided that some action should be taken at once to relieve the situation and to that end will have a test hole dug to ascertain if a gravel strata can be found at a reasonable depth. If favorable a large cesspool will be dug and all the water from the septic tank will be turned into the same. This will relieve the situation for all time to come.

Miss Leta Russey is ill this week. Jack Gulick is visiting his brothers in this city.

Chas. Woolsey spent Sunday in Peirce City visiting friends.

Miss Irene Everett, of Springfield is visiting Monett friends this week.

Miss Zephia Tritton is ill with bilious fever.

Carl Lehnhard went to St. Louis Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Walton have returned from a visit at Tulsa, Okla.

John O'Brien and Walter Ettlinger, of Peirce City, visited in Monett Sunday.

Attorney D. S. Mayhew attended to legal business in Wichita, Kan., Saturday.

Arthur Short and Victor Bennett of Peirce City, visited Monett friends Sunday.

Zeke Clinton, of Carthage, spent Saturday night in Monett with his parents.

Monroe Wright and Pink Miller, of Joplin visited in Monett Saturday night and Sunday.

Mrs. F. N. Reece, of Cassville came Sunday for a visit with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Cox and Miss Pearce visited with Burness Withers family in the country Sunday.

Mrs. John Hinkel returned to her home at Carthage after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. Lynde.

Ed Lavelle has resigned his position as car inspector and has accepted a position with the Kansas City Car Co., on air brakes.

Raymond Varner went to Granby Saturday to attend the funeral of his nephew. Varner Woodcock. The child was three years of age and his death was caused by a complication of measles and whooping cough. Rev. Luther Carlin preached the funeral.

TO TEST MISSOURI SEED

The Experiment Station Will Perform This Service for the Farmers.

Columbia, Mo., May 1.—For the benefit of Missouri farmers a seed testing laboratory has been installed at the experiment station here in co-operation of the United States Department of Agriculture. All samples will be tested free of charge and the reports returned immediately, giving the number and kind of weed seeds present and amount of impurities of other sorts. A germination test will also be made when requested showing the number of seeds that will grow. Where simply a purity test is desired a report can be returned within two or three days, but where a germination test is necessary a somewhat longer time will be required.

"In sending seeds for test," says Prof. Miller of the experiment station, "the samples should be representative of the bulk as nearly as possible. For small seeds such as grasses and alfalfa a tablespoonful is sufficient.

"The Missouri farmers can no longer afford to buy a poor quality of seed at a low price. Poor seeds are not only worthless in many cases but they may be very dangerous from the pernicious weed seeds they carry and it is much cheaper to pay a good price for good seed than a low price for poor seeds."

Mrs. C. S. Simmons, of Oklahoma City, Okla., has been visiting on Kings Prairie with her sister, Mrs. S. E. Jones.

W. A. Terrell, wife and baby left Saturday night for their home at Ft. Smith Ark. Mr. Terrell is recovering from a severe attack of pneumonia.

Mrs. Kate Walters and daughter Miss Ruth, of Denver, Colo., are visiting Mrs. Mace Jacques.

Misses Mahoney, Mayme Callan and Carrie Ball visited in Peirce City Monday evening.

Notice of Final Settlement

Notice is hereby given, to all creditors and others, interested in the Estate of James P. Westbay Deceased that we Sarah J. Westbay and Harry H. Westbay, Executors, of said Estate, intend to make final settlement thereof at the next term of the Probate Court of Barry County, State of Missouri, to be held at Cassville, Mo. on the 10th day of May 1909.

SARAH J. WESTBAY and HARRY H. WESTBAY, Executors.

First insertion April 2

Installation Services.

Dr. Hunter went to Cassville Tuesday morning for the purpose of conducting the installation of the new Presbyterian pastor. The services will be held Tuesday night. On Wednesday night he will conduct a similar service at Purdy, the minister being installed having charge of the churches at Cassville and Purdy.

Two Pension Examiners.

Because of the large amount of business relating to pensions it has been found necessary to station two men instead of one at Springfield. The district has been divided and pension examiner N. B. Miller has been given the east half of the district, while G. A. Welsh, who has been transferred from Ohio will have charge of the western half which includes the counties of Barry, Lawrence, St. Clair, Hickory, Cedar, Polk, Dade, Stone, Dallas and Camden.

Mrs. W. T. Dailey entertained the High Five Club on Friday afternoon. The prizes were awarded to Mrs. Walter Perry and Mrs. Thos Markwell.

Entertained.

Prof. and Mrs. H. E. Blaine entertained the senior class of the high school and friends on Monday evening.

The young people were entertained with progressive flinch and all spent a very pleasant evening. Those present were Misses Edna Standrige, Lillian Allen, Opal Armstrong, Maud McIntosh, Sara Watson, Stella Brown, Neva Overton, Grace Whitlatch, Flora McCormick, May Randolph, Addie Nordin, Nellie Mills, Margaret Williamson, Lazzinka Chappell and Miss Fyan, of Marshfield, Messrs. Chas. Fowler, Edgar Price, Alfred Long, James Day, Fred Ragain, Howard Gulick, Edwin Johnson, Ernest Ferguson, Glen Buckley, Ed McMillen, Carl Bradford, Andy Russey and Edgar Bear.

A pretty custom is gaining ground in observing "Mother's Day," which is set for the second Sunday in May. It was first observed last year and its observance will be more widespread this year. Those who have a mother living should visit her, or if not within visiting distance, write a letter to her; the letter to be written so it will reach her on that day. Those whose mother has passed out can decorate her grave with flowers, or plant something on the mound, or if this can not be done personally have it done by someone living where the body is buried. This is a worthy custom and while the mother is living, the patient old friend will be gladdened by this tribute of affection.—Commoner.

Mother Perishes in Flames With Daughter.

Leavenworth, Kan., May 3.—Mrs. Mary Ward, wife of Samuel Ward, a prominent Kansas land owner, and their daughter Mildred, three years old, were burned to death this afternoon under mysterious circumstances at their country home in the central part of this county.

The cause of the fire is unknown. The flames were not communicated to the dwelling, and there was nothing about the place to indicate how the clothes of the baby and the mother were ignited.

The Preacher's Advice.

"My friends," said the itinerant preacher, "the Scriptural rule for giving was one-tenth of what a man possessed. If you feel that you can't afford so much just give a sixth or a fourth, according to your means. We will dispense with the next hymn, and take up the collection."—Lippincott's

The Farmer's Union.

The national convention of the Farmer's Union will meet in Springfield, Wednesday, May 12. At least 500 delegates, representing a membership of 200,000 will attend this meeting. Many questions of great interest to farmers will be discussed.

Compromise Rate.

Little Rock, Ark., May 3.—The house today killed a bill for a 2-cent passenger rate by indefinite postponement. The house empowered the state's attorney to enter an agreement with the railroads for a 2½-cent rate.

A. Folger brought up from his Washburn farm Saturday a quart or two of fine ripe strawberries. He picked two gallon on that day which was a good record for so early in the season.

The contractors who put in the septic tank are now advising how the council can make it satisfactory at a considerable additional expense. It would seem that the contractors are the ones to make it acceptable at their own expense.

The Springfield Republican says, "It your flannels have begun to stick like fly paper you might take them off with safety."

John Mulrenin of Fayetteville, visited in Monett Monday.